

(II) Steps taken to prevent Crimes:

"Policing" being a State Subject, prevention of crime on Railways including running trains is the Constitutional responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Railways have taken the following steps to check crimes:

- (i) Accommodation is provided to the Government Railways Police personnel for escorting the trains. Accommodation also provided to the Mobile Police Stations.
- (ii) Announcements through Public Address System and CCTV are made at important Railway stations to alert the travelling public against theft etc.
- (iii) Anti-social elements are removed from Railway premises and the trains by Railway personnel.
- (iv) Regular Coordination Meetings are held between the Railways and the Police Authorities to ensure adequate security to the passengers.
- (v) Exchange of intelligence on crime and criminology is done between the Railways and the Police Authorities.

Examination for Railway Engineering Services

1498. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the candidates recommended by UPSC for Engineering Services Examination, 1999 have been given posting or training orders;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) what was the need for conducting subsequent examination in 2000 when candidates who qualified Engineering Examination during 1999 have not been given posting orders; and
- (d) what is the present position of vacant posts to be filled up through UPSC Engineering Services Examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Engineering Services Examination is conducted by Union Public Service Commission. The names of qualified candidates is forwarded by them to the nodal Ministry i.e. Ministry of Railways for allotment of candidates to over 50 Departments/Services of Government of India. Their appointment letters/posting orders are issued by the concerned departments. The allocation of department is done as per the criteria notified in the Official-Gazette of India viz. Merit position, availability of vacancies in various categories, medical fitness etc. uniformly applied to all the candidates. A copy of such notification is supplied to all the candidates by the Commission. The posting and training orders however cannot be issued to all the candidates. This, could *inter-alia*, be in the following cases:

- (1) The candidate whose result has been withheld by the Commission.
- (2) The candidate whose candidature has been held provisional by Union Public Service Commission for non submission of eligibility certificate, caste certificate, certificate in prescribed proforma, date of birth certificate etc.
- (3) The candidate finally declared medically unfit for the services preferred.
- (4) The candidate against whom proceedings are going on for cancellation of candidature for suppression of facts and information at the time of medical examination etc.
- (5) The candidate who has declined to join following offer of appointment for the reason that he may be having better option available with him etc. etc.

(d) The result of Engineering Services Examination 2000 has been declared. As per the result of Engineering Services Examination 2000, published in the Employment News of 26.5.2001, there are 573 vacancies.